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New Testament Introduction

1. A new addition - Inspired Scripture
2. A new message - The Word of life
3. A new covenant - The Biblical context
4. A new lifestyle - The Way of the Cross
5. A new nature - The Spirit of Christ
- 6. A new Israel - The Body of Christ**
7. A new mission - The Disciples of Christ
8. A new hope - The Return of Christ

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Israel and the Body of Christ

Romans 9:6
 “For not all who are descended from Israel **belong to Israel.**”

1 Corinthians 12:13
 “For by **one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,** whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free,”

Israel	Body of Christ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ethnic nation • Old Cov. • Works/Law based • earthly Palestine • Jerusalem = Temple • Jews & Proselytes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spiritual entity • New Cov. • Faith/Grace based • heavenly spiritual • Believers = Temple • Believers Inter-national

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Israel and the Body of Christ

view #1 shadow clear

Abraham - Moses - Jeremiah -	O.C. (Israel) Jesus - Paul	N. C. (Body of Christ)
view #2 (training wheels)		(hinder)
All humans bearing God's Image		Children of God
Family of Faith		Body of Christ

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How is the Body of Christ unique?

1. A new covenant
 - Grace centered - not Law centered
 - Faith centered - not merit centered
2. A new community
 - Common Spirit - one Body
 - Diverse - gifts, backgrounds, etc.
3. A new calling
 - Ability - power from within
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Romans

“Lives turned right side up from the inside out”

This is Paul's story.
 This is the Gospel.
 This is Body of Christ story.

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brings inner **AWARENESS & ASSURANCE** of regeneration, serenity, security, & significance.

Romans 8

"16 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**, 17 and if children, heirs also, **heirs of God** and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be **glorified** with Him."

Ephesians 1:13

"13 you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, 14 who is given as a pledge of our **inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."

Galatians 4

"6 And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts**, crying, 'Abba! Father!' 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God."

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Awareness, frees us to see BEYOND our old self.

2 Corinthians 5

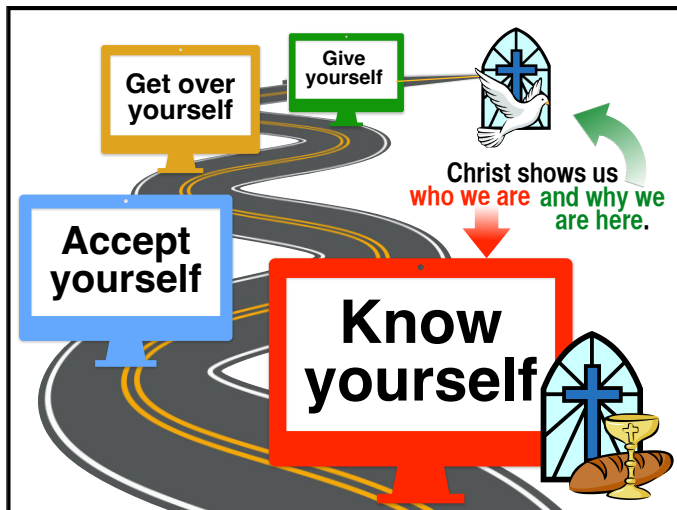
"16 Therefore **from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh**; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him thus no longer. 17 Therefore **if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

Assurance, comes as we see CHRIST IN US.

Colossians 1

"26 that is, **the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations**; but has **now been manifested to His saints**, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**."

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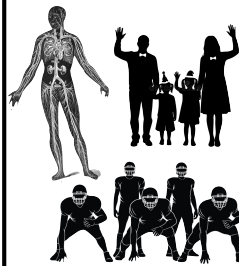


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1 Corinthians 12

"22 ... the members of the body which **seem to be weaker are necessary**; 23 and those members of the body, which **we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor**, and our **unseemly members come to have more abundant seemliness**, 24 whereas our seemly members have no need of it."

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The Body of Christ is a **UNITY**

1 Corinthians 12

"12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many."

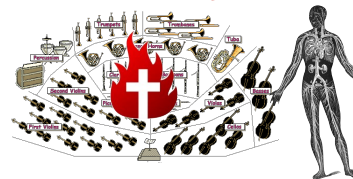
The Body of Christ is a **DIVERSITY**

1 Corinthians 12

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The Body of Christ is a **family, team, orchestra.**



The church is the Body of Christ, but only when the pieces function by **doing their part while attached to one another and the head (Jesus)**.

not clones of one template

not body parts disconnected

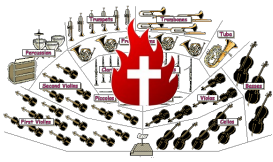
not a class system of value differences

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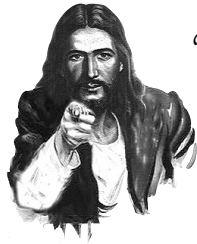
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*The New Testament is an
Operations Manual for
the Body of Christ
in a broken world*


As the Body of Christ we must:
**Put our best foot forward
without kicking our neighbor
or losing our balance.**

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APPTOTEACH

A bishop then must be ... apt to teach 1 Timothy 3:2

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(01) A New Addition

Understanding Apostolic teaching is key to understanding Christianity.

1. Christianity cannot be reduced to moral platitudes, unbridled success, or social justice.
2. Justifying faith is rooted in moral virtue, but not vice versa.
3. The New Covenant is not a doubling down on the Old. One has fulfilled the demands.
4. The whole Bible is written FOR us, but not always TO us. APOCALYPSE.
5. Godly behavior is motivated by love not fear.

 
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